



Senior School Profile

Introduction

by Allan Forbes,
Head of Senior School

Welcome to the Senior School.

We aspire to be the best school in the world, with a dynamic learning community that nurtures and inspires every individual to be the best they can be.

The Senior School is a British school with an international perspective, offering strong pastoral support and guidance, high academic standards, and an emphasis on developing the whole child through a range of enrichment opportunities and specialisms. We offer a broad and balanced curriculum, supported by outstanding facilities and technology that enhance learning. At Sixth Form level, we offer dual pathways, with students able to opt for either A Levels or the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. Our graduates typically progress to their universities of choice, which are among the best in the world.

Our belief is that young people are just as likely to learn outside the classroom as inside it. As such, our Co-Curriculum programme includes service learning, Outdoor Education opportunities and a wide range of clubs, societies and activities that stimulate and broaden the student experience.

Senior School students are supported by exceptional pastoral provision that nurtures their wellbeing, and is flexible and considerate to the needs of individuals. Our culture thrives on positive relationships, and values and cares for every member of our community. We want Tanglin students to be useful and successful in life; able to make positive contributions to the lives of others, society and the world with confidence and integrity.

We look forward to welcoming you on campus soon.



Spotlight on... Facilities

Our Design & Technology Suite features:

- Manufacturing workshop
- Hand-design suite
- CAD area for 2D/3D modelling
- CAM maker space: 3D printers, lasers, vinyl cutters, thermoforming equipment.

Our Film Suite features:

- Two studio classrooms
- Colour grading room
- Sound design room
- Photography studio
- 40-seat cinema
- 40 Apple workstations
- Film Theory library.

In addition to these world-class specialist facilities, our new Gate C building (left), opening in 2022, will include the following spaces for Senior School students:

- 50-metre swimming pool
- Gymnastics Centre
- Strength and Conditioning Centre
- Physiotherapy Practice
- Music School
- Lifeskills Classrooms
- Counselling Services.



Co-Curriculum

The Co-Curriculum is a central part of each student's journey through the Senior School, not only in supporting them in their academic learning and pastoral wellbeing, but also in equipping them with passions and interests that form the foundations of lifelong pleasures.



Tanglin has allowed me to do things I never would have imagined" – Navyansh, Class of 2021

Our expansive Co-Curriculum programme provides students of all ages with the chance to develop existing talents or learn something new. Academic Enrichment opportunities span Creative Writing, Computational Thinking and Programming, Astronomy, Debating, Model United Nations and TEDx clubs.

The Arts

Our thriving, vibrant and energetic Arts programme plays an important role in school life, encompassing high-quality ensembles, recitals, performances and exhibitions.

Sports

Sport is an integral part of the Tanglin curriculum. Our excellent facilities enable us to participate in a wide range of events, subject to local travel restrictions:

- FOBISIA (Federation of British Schools in Asia)
- ACSIS (Athletic Conference of Singapore International Schools)
- SEASAC (South East Asia Student Activities Conference).



Outdoor Education

Our usual programme includes the following opportunities and destinations:

Middle School

Thailand; Malaysia; India.

Upper School

Australia; Thailand; Vietnam.
The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award.

Sixth Form

Borneo; Cambodia; Thailand; Japan; Mongolia; Malaysia.

Pastoral

In the Senior School, we pride ourselves on the exceptional care, guidance and support we give to our students. On leaving Tanglin, students and their families consistently comment on the tremendous help and encouragement they received from their peers and our dedicated teachers.

What we offer

Personalised Support

Each student's form tutor, Head of Year and Assistant Head of Year moves with them as they progress from Year 7 to Year 13, providing bespoke support for students and parents.

Careers & University Guidance

Our specialist team is on hand to provide tailored guidance for students throughout their Sixth Form journey.

Sixth Form Guidance

Our robust guidance process supports Year 11 students choosing their Sixth Form pathway.

Network of Professionals

Our excellent team of School Counsellors, Educational Psychologist and Nurses can help with and advise students and parents on specific issues or challenges that may arise.

“As an inclusive school, Tanglin promotes equality, tackles discrimination and embraces diversity, which contributes to the extremely caring atmosphere wherein students are happy and highly successful”
– BSO Inspection Report

Communication

Open Communication Policy

Our teachers encourage close home/school links and open lines of communication between parents and staff.

Progress Reports

Each academic year, the school sends out two Progress Reports to families of students in Years 9-13 that measure their child's attainment against curriculum-related expectations. Families of students in Years 7-8 receive one Progress Report per year.

Parent Teacher Conferences

These twice-yearly meetings offer families the opportunity to meet with their child's teachers, and to review their learning and next steps.

Tutor Report

A detailed Tutor Report is sent to families of all students annually, providing specific examples of the child's strengths, as well as areas for development and their attitude to learning.



Academic

Middle School

Building on the strong foundations of a Junior School curriculum, the Middle School maintains a broad outlook with a curriculum that is relevant to today's world. All subjects are taught by specialists, allowing students to deepen their knowledge and understanding in each area.

YEARS
7-9

AGE
11-14

MAXIMUM
CLASS SIZE
24

Curriculum

Core + Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) options
+ Additional Options (Year 9 only)*

Upper School

Upper School students begin to tailor their curriculum to suit their particular interests and aspirations, while following a strong common core. This is an exciting stage where students mature as learners, and develop the independent study skills and habits that will prepare them for Sixth Form and beyond.

YEARS
10-11

AGE
14-16

MAXIMUM
CLASS SIZE
20

(I)GCSE Curriculum

Core + 4 Additional Options*

Core:

- English Language & English Literature
- Mathematics
- Double or Triple Science
- Physical Education (non-examination course)
- Lifeskills (non-examination course).

(I)GCSE Results in 2021

100%
of grades achieved
were A*-C,
or equivalent

83%
of grades achieved
were A*, A
or equivalent

69%
of students
achieved 8+
A*/A grades

“The teachers’ enthusiasm for learning is often infectious, leading to students seeing learning as a highly worthwhile and enjoyable process” – BSO Inspector



Academic

“The A Level programme has allowed me to tailor my learning to the subjects I love” – Year 13 student



Sixth Form

A Levels

A Levels facilitate intensive, specialist study of 3-4 subjects over two years. Deciding whether to study A Levels is a detailed process that starts as early as Year 9, with final choices made in Year 11.

YEARS
12-13

AGE
16-18

MAXIMUM
CLASS SIZE
15

Curriculum

3-4 SUBJECTS OF CHOICE*



EXTENDED PROJECT QUALIFICATION (EPQ)



CAS

Assessment

Courses may be assessed either in stages or at the end of the course.

*Further subject information can be found in our Options Booklet on the school website.

What is...?

EPQ

The Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) is an in-depth piece of research that involves either writing a 5,000-word essay, or creating a product that is accompanied by a 2,000-word report. In addition, all EPQ candidates must submit a Production Log and deliver a 20-30 minute presentation.

CAS

At Tanglin, the Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) programme is open to A Level as well as IB Diploma students, an option that is **unique in Singapore**. CAS provides opportunities for independently managed, experiential learning beyond the curriculum. Students in Years 10-13 can choose to extend their experiences through self-initiated service projects, funded with the support of the TTS Foundation.

Success on every Pathway

A Level Results in 2021

100%
pass rate

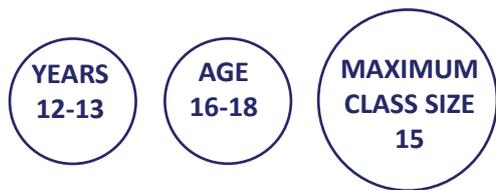
70%
of grades
achieved
were A*/A

86%
of grades
achieved
were A*-B

74%
of students
taking the EPQ
achieved A*/A

IB Diploma

The International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB) offers a broad and balanced programme of 6 cross-disciplinary subjects. Deciding whether to the IB is a detailed process that starts as early as Year 9, with final choices made in Year 11.



Curriculum

6 SUBJECTS OF CHOICE
(3 HIGHER LEVEL, 3 STANDARD LEVEL)*



EXTENDED ESSAY (EE)



THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE (TOK)



CAS

Assessment

IB assessment takes two forms: internal (undertaken internally and moderated by external examiners), and external (wholly undertaken by external examiners). A focus on oral and presentation skills is a key feature of IB assessments.

What is...?

EE

The Extended Essay (EE) is an independent piece of research on a student's topic of choice, supported by a 4,000 word essay. It can be related to one of the student's six subjects and provides practical preparation for undergraduate research.

TOK

Theory of Knowledge (TOK) challenges students to question the foundations of the knowledge various communities of knowers produce. It allows students to develop a more mature view of their subjects and encourages them to explore their own approach to knowing the world. The course fosters both confidence in understanding how to confidently develop reliable knowledge, and the humility to understand the limits of our individual outlooks.

Success on every Pathway

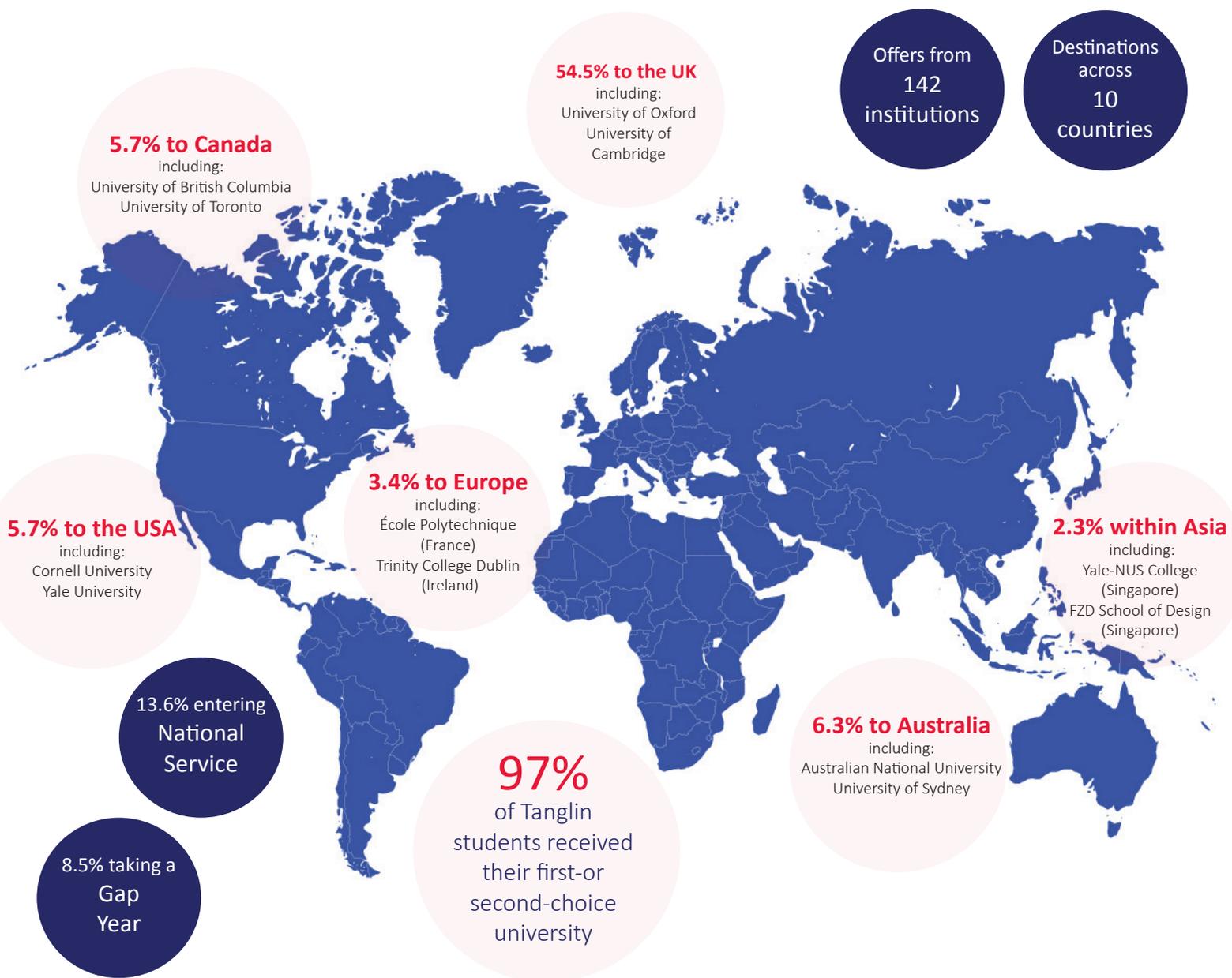
IB Diploma Results in 2021



“The IBDP pathway has provided me with a broad base of knowledge, and allowed me to pursue my own interests in depth through my EE” – Year 13 student

Beyond Tanglin

University Destinations in 2021



Tanglin Alumni

Tanglin Alumni is an international club that provides former students and staff with a network of support, as well as a wealth of personal and career opportunities generously funded by the TTS Foundation (see right for more).

We encourage our Alumni to give back to the school and our students, while recognising and celebrating their achievements and contributions through our Alumni of the Year awards.

Age	Opportunity	Details
18+	Alumni Grant	Available from Year 13 onwards, the grant can be used to match funding for any activities related to CAS.
18-25	TTS Foundation Internship Programme	The programme gives Alumni the opportunity to complete valuable work experience on campus and give back to the school.
24+	Career Development Grant	This grant supports Alumni to embark on a course or project that will help advance their career or personal development.
24+	Adventurous Expedition Award	An initiative that supports Alumni in audacious projects that require teamwork, endurance, resilience and tenacity.